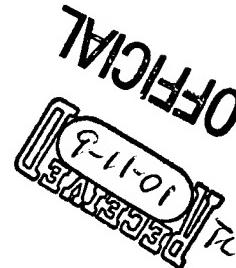


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Serial No.: 09/101,601 ) Art Unit: 2643  
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For: IMPROVEMENT TO AN )  
ELECTROACOUSTIC )  
COMMUNICATION DEVICE )  
FOR USE ON PROTECTIVE )  
HEADGEAR )  
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AMENDMENT C

Assistant Commissioner  
For Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants request that the application be reconsidered based upon the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to emphasize that the two lateral wall portions which cover the ear zones are part of the external principle shell as follows:

1. (Thrice amended) A protective headgear equipped with an electroacoustic communication device comprising {an acoustic pick-up and a speaker in} a case[,] including:

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an acoustic pick-up, and  
a speaker,

the headgear further comprising: